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## PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 12 December 2007.

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Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office

Dear Sir:

This petition is related to an Office Action in the above identified Office Action dated October 23, 2007. Since the reply is dated December 12, 2007 a petition for one month extension with a \$ 120.00 fee would normally be required. However, the Applicant's counsel did not receive the a copy of the Office Action until on or about November 27, 2007 when the undersigned received the attached letter from the firm of Beyer Weaver in Oakland, California indicating that Office Action had been received by Beyer Weaver. As can be seen from the Beyer Weaver letter, they have attempted to notify the USPTO of the incorrect name in the USPTO files for this application.

Upon receiving the Office Action the undersigned notified the applicants' representative in the United Kingdom. The applicants' United Kingdom representative responded in a timely fashion and provided instructions for this response. At this point, the Applicants' were in the first month extension period. The undersigned Applicants' representative is filing this response

within thirty days of his receipt of the Office Action. The delays in this application are not the responsibility of the Applicants or their representatives.

Therefore the Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for the Director to waive any filing fees associated with this petition and to further waive and fees associated with the one month extension. If the Director denies these requests, the Applicants petition for an extension of time and authorize the Director to charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account 500765.

The undersigned Applicants' representative have had a change of address unrelated to the problems covered by this petition. The undersigned Applicants' representative has a attached a change of address form and now has a Customer Number 75981 with the new address.

If the Petitions Examiner has any questions or needs more information in order to make a decision in this matter, please contact the undersigned as listed below.

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Director grant this Petition under 37 CFR 1.181. The undersigned believes this petition complies with the requirements and intent of a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

Respectfully submitted,

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